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ADOT Equipment Roadeo State Finals

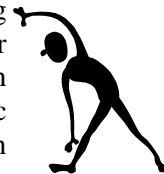


Brent Cline, of the Road crew, with the awards he received while participating in the ADOT Equipment Roadeo. The Globe District Roadeo held in July & Finals were held in September. Brent placed 2nd in the Grader Event and 3rd in the Loader in the District and placed 2nd in the Loader Event in the Finals, missing first place by only 8 points. He was awarded plaques and a Silver Belt Buckle. The ADOT Equipment Roadeo State Finals were held at the Maricopa County fairgrounds in September. Gila County sent six participants; **Brent Cline, Brian Jennings, Richard Short, Kyle Sawyer, Lonnie Cline, and Fred Lavin.**

All were awarded a Certificate of Merit by the County Board of Supervisors. These events challenge the operator by having them operate the equipment in simulated work situations. They must drive, steer and control operation through tight course settings of cones, barriers and other obstacles. While grading at different elevations, dumping, moving a bowling ball from one site to a designated opposite site, backing and pulling forward without hitting the stop bars. The course challenges skill level by combining operation tasks to be completed simultaneously. Part of the competition was a knowledge test covering operation procedures and preventive maintenance. ADOT promotes the Roadeo Event as Safety Training for equipment operators. These events create a friendly spirit of completion among the participants.

Stretch Break Challenge

During the month of August, Public Works Division staff took part in the AZLGEBT's Wellness Program's Stretch Break Challenge. To participate in the Stretch Break Challenge, employees were given fit strips for Ergo check, eye, breathing, and stretching exercises that were to be done at least twice a day and were reminded to keep track of their stretches. The goal was to decrease the incidence of claims associated with musculoskeletal condition resulting in whole or part from physical inactivity, repetitive tasks or poor body posture while at work. In order to increase employees' health and their involvement in wellness activities, Steve Stratton Public Works Director, made it mandatory for his employees to take part in all wellness activities.



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Administration

On the early morning of August 25, 2003, some staff members from the Public Works Division took part in helping paint outside the Board of Supervisors' entrance to the Courthouse. Later that afternoon, while enjoying lunch they and other County employees were introduced to the Gila County Garden of Remembrance, and the Tree of Life which allows you to purchase an engraved a leaf on the tree to commemorate a loved one. Lunch was served and consisted of your choice of a hamburger or hot dog, chips, and a drink for \$5.00. Proceeds from this event benefited the Gila County Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation which after expenses, totaled about \$290.67. Many thanks to those of you who participated.



Engineering

The Roosevelt Lake Estates Flooding on September 9, 2003 was the result of an extremely



intense rainfall over the Roosevelt and the Campaign Creek watershed. The worst damage was along Campaign Creek, just above the Pinto Creek confluence. The Engineering Department surveyed cross sections of Campaign Creek, measured high water marks, and calculated the approximate flow rate in the channel. It was determined that the flow rate was approximately the 100-year flood. The Engineering Department discussed potential solutions for the local residents with the Arizona Department of Emergency Management, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Resource Conservation Service. A regulatory flood profile was established for Campaign Creek, so residents would have guidelines for safety building in the area to minimize future problems like those experienced with this flood.

Fossil Creek Road - The residents in Strawberry have mixed ideas and feelings about the Fossil Creek Road improvements. The majorities are looking forward to having an improved roadway and drainage that will stop the runoff from crossing the road. The major drainage culverts are in and concrete headwalls are being formed and poured. One of several large retaining walls has had the footing poured and the re-bar wall curtain installed and ready for forming to start. The walking path along the north side of the road separates from the road in several places and meanders thru the heavy forested right-of-way, which will give the many walkers a safer place to walk. Fossil Creek has a fairly high amount of vehicle traffic and with the new improvements; our residents in Strawberry will have a safer road to travel.

Facilities Management

Facilities has completed the moving of Emergency Management and Cooperative Extension at the Central Heights Facility. We also completed the Tonto Basin Roads building and they now have indoor plumbing (yeah!). Currently, Facilities is remodeling the old Emergency Management area at the Courthouse to house the new Finance and IT offices. We are in the planning stages of remodeling the Law Library for the Clerk of Court expansion. The old Finance area will then be remodeled to accommodate the Board Administrative staff.

ROADS

CONSOLIDATED ROADS

& Shops

The Timber Region worked on chip sealing Highline Drive and Edison Way in the Knolls sub-division; also, completed the realignment project on 199A in Beaver Valley, and the realignment/ culvert project on Anderson Lane in OxBow Estates. Beetle bark tree removal is on-going in the Pine/Strawberry area. In Young, the crew is cleaning ditches, cutting back trees in preparation for snow removal this winter. Danny Savage and Nyra Hillery attended the Copper Region Shoot for the Cure for Breast Cancer, and were very impressed with the participation. Good job guys and gals! The Timber Region Shoot Event will be 10/24/03. We hope to have a good turn out.

The Copper Region continued to work on the Central Heights School project, paving the parking lot and building fence, as well as cleaning creeks, drainages, culverts and the on going job of vegetation control district wide. They also had shoulder maintenance projects along with our regular blading schedule. The Tonto Basin crew, with the help of Facilities Management, have been working on the office for the Tonto Basin yard and it is coming along nicely, thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. The replacement of 7 cattle guards on Cherry Creek is nearing completion and crack sealing is always part of the every day routine job. During the Roosevelt area flooding in September both Globe and Tonto Basin road crews were called to assist in the cleanup with equipment and manpower. They had 1,509.5 manpower hours and 1,309.5 equipment hours on the Roosevelt area. The Pringle Pump area had road and culvert damage and the hours are still being totaled at this time.

SHOPS

The Timber Shops have put together two packages as a raffle item for the Shoot for the Cure Event on October 24th. One is the "NASCAR Fan Package", and the other is the "Do it Yourself Package". Great job and special thanks to Glen Farnham for all his time and effort putting this together.

The Timber Roads and Shops will be preparing for winter by getting all the blades and snow plows ready. Hopefully, we will have a good winter, with a lot of snow.



Russell Gulch Landfill had their annual Fall Free Furniture Discard Day on September 27th. Sixty two customers brought in 228 items, while 7.24 tons of furniture were land filled. Three truck loads of TV's and computers were hauled to B & G Electronics for recycling. On October 4th the Buckhead Mesa Landfill held their annual Appliance Discard Day in Payson. Residents brought in 98 appliances for the total weight of 8 ½ tons. The Russell Gulch Landfill Appliance day will be in the Spring. To assist the flood victims of Roosevelt with removal of damage debris, the transfer truck made 25 trips and hauled 98.72 tons of wreckage away from flooded properties.

Solid Waste